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Goals	Objectives	Projects/Activities
<p>Goal 1: Leadership Development</p> <p>Annually, in partnership with Tennesseans with disabilities, families and others provide training, education and informational opportunities that result in people who are better able to access services, serve on cross disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions, influence policy, communicate needs, and build relationships in their communities.</p>	<p>1.1 Yearly, provide 7 weekend sessions of Partners in Policymaking to train 10 self advocates and 15 family members on disability policy and practice in Tennessee and nationally.</p> <p>1.2 Yearly, provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities and family members to develop their knowledge and leadership skills via five activities: supporting a statewide self advocacy organization; strengthening statewide self advocacy initiatives; funding and operating the Consumer Education Stipends so 150 people are assisted; partnering with advocates to reach underserved families from diverse cultures with minority leadership training; and, in partnership with other advocacy groups funding and co-sponsoring the annual Tennessee Disability Mega Conference.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners in Policymaking • Tennessee Self Advocacy Network • People Planning Together (PC Organizations leadership training by self advocates) • STEP Minority Leadership Conferences • Pathfinder Multicultural Project • Consumer Education Stipends • Tennessee Disability MegaConference • Youth Leadership Forum • Youth Readiness Training • Next Chapter Book Clubs

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	<p>1.3 Yearly conduct youth leadership development activities to support a minimum of 15 youth in high school with disabilities to develop and serve as leaders and mentors to their peers.</p> <p>1.4 For a minimum of FY 2012 and 2013, expand the number of members in Next Chapter Book Clubs from 50 to 75.</p>	
<p>Goal 2: Service System Improvement</p> <p>Annually, in collaboration with individuals with disabilities, families, professionals and policy makers, fund and replicate demonstrations of best practice, form and support public policy development, and coordinate coalitions so that the Tennessee developmental disability service system is person and family centered and supports individuals</p>	<p>2.1 For FY 2012 through 2014, facilitate replication of the Project SEARCH or Walgreen's employment models at 2 additional sites in Tennessee.</p> <p>2.2 FY 2012, research demand side employment demonstration projects</p> <p>2.3 Annually, work with groups such as the Tennessee Collaboration on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Opportunity • Research demand side employment models • Tennessee Employment Consortium (TEC) • Tennessee Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) • Disability Coalition on Education • Alliance on Disability Policy

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<p>with developmental disabilities to be independent, productive and included in community life.</p>	<p>Employment, Tennessee Employment Consortium, and Tennessee Alliance for Full Participation to develop and implement initiatives designed to improve employment outcomes for Tennesseans with developmental disabilities.</p> <p>2.4 Yearly, form, support and/or serve on public policy coalitions in order to advocate for and educate policymakers on best policies and practices in services to people with DD. Note – the focus of the coalition can be employment, housing or any other topic relevant to the DD Act.</p> <p>2.5 Annually, fund a minimum of 4 demonstration projects in order to highlight community-based best practice models. Note – this can be accomplished through either the Call for Application or Continuation Proposal processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill the Promise • EasyLiving Homes • Visitability Task Force • Human Service Coops • Microboards • Tennessee Microboard Association • Person Centered Organizations • Project Open Wide • Next Steps • Post Secondary Education Task Force • Tennessee Collaborative on Employment
<p>Goal 3: Information and Outreach</p> <p>Annually, provide Tennesseans</p>	<p>3.1 Yearly, provide information on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaking Ground

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<p>with disabilities, family members, professionals, organizations, policymakers, and the public with reliable sources of information about disability issues, services and supports which they use to increase access to services and drive systems change.</p>	<p>disability issues and topics through a publication format to 2000 people.</p> <p>3.2 Yearly, provide educational information on policy and legislation at the state and federal level through 8 issues of a newsletter distributed via mail, e-mail, conference calls, and the Internet to a minimum of 2000 people.</p> <p>3.3 Yearly, provide information, referral, and support to 1000 people with disabilities or their families seeking to access and use services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Monitor • Disability Pathfinder
<p>Goal 4: Council Support and Administration</p> <p>Each year the Council and its Committees receive staff and administrative support to effectively implement the Council's mission and goals.</p>	<p>4.1 Each year of the State Plan, provide input representing the philosophies and positions of the Council on public policy issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and, when possible, offer concrete policy alternatives to ensure that individuals and families can access and maintain self-directed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant management • Management of Call for Application process • Evaluation of Council activities • Fiscal/budget management • Council and Committee meetings support and

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	<p>community based services and supports of their choice.</p> <p>4.2 Yearly, coordinate the Council's planning, project development, evaluation, and reporting processes, with special attention to strategies to address issues related to the diversity of ethnicity, age, income, and geographical areas of Tennessee.</p> <p>4.3 Yearly, support the Council to effectively use grant funding to reach identified goals.</p> <p>4.4 Each year of the State Plan, support and coordinate meetings of the Council and Committees and provide leadership and administrative coordination to implement Council approved activities.</p> <p>4.5 Yearly, implement outreach and strategic communication activities to reach specific goals.</p>	<p>preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public policy analysis and development• TA to grantees on programmatic and fiscal issues• Council outreach, education and communication activities• Federal reporting both programmatic and fiscal
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